

Radio Stamps

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Hello again and welcome to *Radio Stamps*. This is program number 50. *Radio Stamps* has been a feature here on the DX Partyline at HCJB for the past 5 years. This is my last *Radio Stamps* program. I'm retiring from the philatelic microphone and keyboard after five, fun-filled years of broadcasting, and a dozen adventure-filled years of writing articles, and bibliographies, and columns, all about the fun of collecting stamps on the topic of radio.

Over the past 5 years, this program has combined the fun of listening to international radio and collecting stamps from around the world all about radio. There are dozens of radio subjects you can collect on stamps, from international radio stations, like HCJB, to amateur radio. I have 32 different radio subjects in my collection. Collecting stamps on the topic of radio is certainly another great way to enjoy the radio hobby.

During the past year, it has been harder and harder to find the time to produce a regular radio program, write a column, and reply to all the correspondence I receive from around the globe. I need more time now for my family, and for my job as a classroom teacher.

My first *Radio Stamps* program was broadcast here on HCJB in January 1990. It has been a lot of fun to make this volunteer program, and I enjoy helping out others. Over the years, I've received letters, postcards, fax messages and electronic mail from shortwave listeners, and radio stamp collectors, in almost thirty different countries. Regular features on this program have included collecting tips, descriptions of stamps, and discussions of radio subjects that are commemorated by, or featured in the design of, postage stamps, meter stamps, postal cancellations and other philatelic items around the world. Comments and suggestions on how to improve the program have always been welcome.

I like to have contests on my program to win radio stamps. Since I started the program in 1990, there have been 29 contest winners from 11 different countries around the globe - Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Indonesia, Israel, New Zealand, Sweden, Trinidad & Tobago, the United States, and Wales. The prizes I've given away, from my own collection, or provided by radio hobbyists and radio stations, include first day covers, stamps, stamp collections and T-shirts. I've also had a special draw once a year for *Radio Stamps* reporters. All listeners to the DX Partyline have been invited to join in during the

year and report on new issues of radio stamps from around the world. News was also welcomed from reporters about published references on radio stamps.

Thank you very much for your suggestions, your contest entries, and your many contributions to the program. Your support has been appreciated very much. I'm happy that I was able to help so many people. A special thanks to Brent Allred for inviting me in 1988 to do the *Radio Stamps* program on HCJB. Many thanks to Rich McVicar at the DX Partyline for his continued support over the years. It has certainly been a lot of fun to make the program.

If you're listening today to this last program, you can write for a special QSL card from *Radio Stamps* headquarters, here in Canada. Here's how to obtain a souvenir QSL to commemorate the 50th and last edition of *Radio Stamps* on the DX Partyline at HCJB. Write to me with your reception report, including the date, the time and the frequency that you heard the program on, as well as some program details. I'll give you my mailing address in a moment.

Be sure to include 2 international reply coupons with your reception report for return postage. As long as my supply lasts, I will include a special radio stamp from Canada as part of the return postage on each QSL. Featured on each QSL will be the commemorative stamp, from 1986, with a denomination of 34¢, for the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. This collectors item, which was unveiled in Montreal at the 1986 conference of the Association of North American Radio Clubs, was the first stamp in Canada with a computer-generated image. The design features the CBC logo in 5 different colours over a stylized map of Canada. This distinctive stamp, on a special *Radio Stamps* QSL, would certainly make a great addition to your collection.

Well, that's all for the *Radio Stamps* program. Here's my mailing address. Neil Carleton, that's spelled N-e-i-l C-a-r-l-e-t-o-n, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, spelled A-l-m-o-n-t-e, Ontario, spelled O-n-t-a-r-i-o. The postal code here in Canada is K0A 1A0. The address again is Neil Carleton, P.O. Box 1644, Almonte, Ontario, K0A 1A0, Canada. Best wishes in 1995, the 100th anniversary of radio, for good listening and collecting.